

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 15 (Cancelled).

16. (New) A constant velocity joint comprising:

an outer race including an inner surface having a plurality of grooves provided therein;

an inner race including an outer surface having a plurality of grooves provided therein, each of said inner race grooves being associated with a corresponding one of said outer race grooves;

a cage disposed between said outer race and said inner race, said cage having an outer surface disposed adjacent to said inner surface of said outer race and an inner surface disposed adjacent to said outer surface of said inner race, said cage having a plurality of apertures extending between said outer surface and said inner surface thereof, each of said apertures being associated with a corresponding one of said associated outer race grooves and said inner race grooves;

a web provided on one of said (a) outer surface of said inner race that engages said inner surface of said cage, (b) inner surface of said cage that engages said outer surface of said inner race, (c) outer surface of said cage that engages said inner surface of said outer race, and (d) inner surface of said outer race that engages said outer surface of said cage; and

a ball disposed in each of said ball receiving apertures of said cage and extending into said associated grooves of said outer race and said inner race.

17. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 16 wherein a plurality of webs is provided on one of said (a) outer surface of said inner race that engages said inner surface of said cage, (b) inner surface of said cage that engages said outer surface of said inner race, (c) outer surface of said cage that engages said inner surface of said outer race, and (d) inner surface of said outer race that engages said outer surface of said cage.

18. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 16 wherein said web has a surface area that is substantially smaller than said surface upon which it is provided.

19. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 16 wherein said web is provided on said outer surface of said inner race and engages said inner surface of said cage.

20. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 19 wherein said web extends generally parallel relative to an axis of rotation of the constant velocity joint.

21. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 16 wherein said web is provided on said outer surface of said cage and engages said inner surface of said outer race.

22. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 21 wherein said web extends generally parallel relative to an axis of rotation of the constant velocity joint.

23. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 16 wherein a first web is provided on said outer surface of said inner race and engages said inner surface of said cage, and wherein a second web is provided on said outer surface of said cage and engages said inner surface of said outer race.

24. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 23 wherein said first and second webs extend generally parallel relative to an axis of rotation of the constant velocity joint.

25. (New) The constant velocity joint defined in Claim 16 wherein said plurality of grooves provided in said outer race and said plurality of grooves provided in said inner race extend generally parallel relative to an axis of rotation of the constant velocity joint.